

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-128-82

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: REFUGEE/ENTRANT PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY TRANSITION - SB 1326 IMPLEMENTATION

REFERENCE: ACIN 124-82, ACL 82-24, ACL 82-25

As you were informed in ACIN 124-82 of September 3, 1982, Section 207 of SB 1326 (Chapter 327, Statutes of 1982) requires the establishment of a "State AFDC-U Program" under which eligibility is limited to three months in any 12 consecutive months. SB 1325, which would have clarified certain issues regarding this program and the Emergency Assistance Program (EAP) did not pass. Therefore, the provisions of SB 1326 stand. This letter is to provide policy/instructions relative to those refugee/entrant applicants and recipients who are affected by this law change. These instructions are not to be implemented until further notice from AFDC Program regarding the EAP/State-only AFDC-U Program is received by the counties.

PROGRAM PLACEMENT AND TRANSITION FOR REFUGEES/ENTRANTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE STATE-ONLY AFDC-U PROGRAM

New Applicants

New refugee/entrant family cases which are eligible to receive State-only AFDC-U benefits will be aided under the RCA/ECA Programs, rather than the EAP/State-only AFDC-U Program, until they reach their 18-month time-limit for purposes of RCA/ECA time eligibility. When the refugee/entrant becomes time-expired for RCA/ECA, they will then be transferred (if still categorically eligible) to the EAP and then to the State-only AFDC-U Program. A new application is not required for such program transfers if a current Form CA 2 is on file.

During those months in which the RCA/ECA time-expired refugee/entrant is ineligible to receive EAP/State-only AFDC-U benefits, they, if eligible, may be aided under the County General Assistance (GA) Program.

The chart below illustrates the program transition schedule described above for time-eligible refugee/entrants who meet State-only AFDC-U eligibility criteria:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Eligibility Periods</u>
RCA/ECA	18 months
EAP	30 days
State-only AFDC-U	3 months
County GA	9 months
EAP	30 days
State-only AFDC-U	3 months
County GA	1 month

NOTE: Based upon the availability of Federal funds, 100 percent Federal reimbursement, under the RRP or CHEP, is available for all cash assistance (RCA/ECA, EAP/State-only AFDC-U, and County GA) provided in accordance with the above program transition policy to time-eligible refugees/entrants. Program eligibility and Federal financial participation to time-expired refugees/entrants are the same as for any nonrefugee/nonentrant recipient.

#### Current Recipients, Inter-County and Inter-State Transfers

Current refugee/entrant State-only AFDC-U cases which are 18-month eligible will be transferred to RCA/ECA upon expiration of their eligibility for State-only AFDC-U. State-only AFDC-U recipients who are 18-month time-expired for purposes of RCA/ECA, may be transferred to County GA, if eligible, upon expiration of their EAP/State-only AFDC-U eligibility period.

NOTE: Refugee/entrants who are ineligible for AFDC (Federal and non-Federal), but eligible for aid under RCA/ECA, will not be affected by this change.

#### NOTICE OF ACTION REQUIREMENTS

The information provided to you in ACIN 124-82 of September 3, 1982 regarding the general notice and notices of action messages will also apply to refugee/entrant State-only AFDC-U recipients. In addition, the following special language will be used for refugee/entrant EAP/State-only AFDC-U recipients who are 18-month time eligible:

Our records indicate that you are time-eligible for aid under Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) or Entrant Cash Assistance (ECA). Your case is being transferred to RCA or ECA effective \_\_\_\_\_. You will receive aid payments under RCA or ECA until your 18-month time-eligibility expires.

Statistical reporting and assistance claiming instructions will follow shortly. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your Office of Refugee Services' CWD Operations Bureau Program Consultant at (916) 322-3141 or (415) 557-8588, as appropriate. Assistance claiming questions should be directed to the Fiscal Policy and Procedures Bureau at (916) 445-7046.



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